

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, October 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm. City Attorney George Loy was absent.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

There was an addition to the agenda: Rate Study Discussion - Utilities

**Citizens Participation**

Connie Neininger, Kiwanis Club, thanked the Council for taking charge of the Tornado Memorial. Water Superintendent Rod Pool will be spear heading this project.

**Department Head Reports**

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they have been pretty busy the last two weeks. They are finishing up paperwork on the armed robbery and some petty thief burglaries. Everything else is running smooth.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that the notice for the bids for the National Homes Project has been in the paper twice. The plant is running at 77% capacity. This is the lowest he has seen it. Other than that, the plant is running great.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they fixed a broken water main behind the old K-Mart. The progress at Sixth Street is going really good. They are trying to get lots done before cold weather. They will be closing some of Sixth Street on Monday, October 12, 2009, for 30 days. It will be open to the hospital only from the north.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that this is Fire Prevention Week. There will be an open house at the Fire Station on Wednesday or Friday.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that the pool has been winterized. The waterlines have been blown out. He has sent out quotes for the projects he asked for at the last Board of Works meeting. Lifesong Church is going to be doing volunteer work at the park on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts is on vacation.

**Discussion of Grant Opportunities White County Community Foundation Offers for Cities and Towns – Leslie Goss**

Leslie Goss, White County Community Foundation, addressed the Council about grant opportunities the Foundation offers. If the City has a project costing \$500.00 to \$1500.00 and it fits the parameters of the grant, then we can apply. A cover letter explaining the project with a budget by the end of the year is all they require.

**Determination of Date for Trick or Treat Night**

It was determined to hold Trick or Treat Night on Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Member Eric Storm made the motion to have Trick or Treat night on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

**Halloween and Christmas Parades**

It was decided to have the Halloween parade before Trick or Treat night at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon on Saturday, October 31, 2009. The Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to have the Halloween parade on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., and the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 5, 2009, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

**Rate Study Discussion**

Doug Baldessari, H. J. Umbaugh & Associates, presented the Council with projected utility rate increases, in both water and sewer, the City will need to implement in order to secure proper bonding to finance the National Homes Storm Water project. The proposed principal amount of the waterworks revenue bond of 2009 is \$750,000.00. The proposed principal amount of the sewage works revenue bond is \$2,320,000.00. The sewer rate increase will be 16% starting in 2011. This is a monthly increase of \$5.41 to a customer's bill. The water rate increase for 2010 will be 9.5% and 9.5% in 2011. This is a total increase for the two years of \$3.27. Council Members will have a better understanding of costs to the project when bids are opened at the October 19, 2009 Board of Works meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Liz Oilar  
Clerk Treasurer